Commercial development of land near Delhi airport

1103. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the Attorney General's clear chit, his Ministry has asked Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) not to go ahead with an innovative plan to charge high deposits and low rentals from the winning bidders for commercial development of 43 acres of land near the airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much revenue Government is going to loose as per the market price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAL) had earlier proposed to raise part-finance through security deposit from property development at the airport. The proposal was being processed. In the meanwhile, DIAL has come forward with other options for funding the project and they are being examined.

Free Air Travel for disabled persons

1104. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a final decision for the benefit of the free air travel by the disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be initiated;

(c) whether a similar facility is expected to be provided to senior citizens above 70 years of age; and

(d) if not, what financial concession is expected to be provided to the senior citizens and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) There is no such proposal at present. However, erstwhile Indian Airlines offers a discount of 50% on the normal Economy Class fare to disabled persons suffering from Locomotor disability to the extent of 80% and above, on domestic sectors. In the case of blind persons, erstwhile Indian Airlines offers a discount upto 50% and erstwhile Air India offers a discount upto 55% on the normal Economy Class fare for travel within India or between India and Nepal.

Similarly, erstwhile Indian Airlines offers a 50% discount on the normal Economy Class fare to Senior Citizens, who are 65 years & above in case of males and 63 years & above in case of females, for travel within India. Erstwhile Air India offers a discount of upto 55% on the normal Economy Class fare for all domestic travel in India to Senior Citizens who are 65 years & above.

Flight services from Goa

1105. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines (IA) operates any direct flight from Goa without any stop in between;